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SUBJECT: WFC CONSULTATIONS WITH BOERMA

FROM AMBASSADOR EDWIN M. MARTIN - PASS AGRICULTURE

1. BOERMA ASKED PAARLBERG AND MYSELF TO COME IN THIS AFTERNOON. AFTER REVIEWING PROGRESS OF PREPARATIONS FOR WFC AND SEVERAL PROBLEMS HE IS HAVING WITH HIS FERTILIZER POOL, HE RAISED PROBLEM OF INDIA. HE SAID FOOD SITUATION THERE CONCERNED HIM GREATLY. WHILE HE FELT HE HAD CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES FOR DEALING IN TIME WITH SERIOUS THREAT OF FAMINE INDIA FACED, HE WAS NOT SURE WHAT HE SHOULD OR COULD DO. HIS DEPUTY JACKSON HAD STOPPED ON WAY TO FAO REG. MEETING IN TOKYO AND TALKED TO INDIAN MIN. OF AGRIC. THERE, AND HE PLANNED SEND SENIOR OFFICIAL FAO TO SURVEY SITUATION SHORTLY. IT WAS CLEAR INDIAN PERFORMANCE LEFT MUCH TO BE DESIRED CONFIDENTIAL

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AND HE HOPED CONVEY THIS TO PM BUT CAN'T LET PEOPLE

STARVE. HE WAS ANXIOUS TO KNOW OUR APPRAISAL OF SITUATION AND WHAT WE PLANNED TO DO AS GUIDE TO WHAT REMAINED TO BE DONE.

2. WE GAVE HIM OUR GENERALLY PESSIMISTIC INFORMATION ON SITUATION AND SAID NOT CLEAR NOW WHAT US WOULD BE ABLE TO DO, POINTING OUT VARIOUS OBSTACLES TO SUBSTANTIAL HELP. WE PROMISED TO SEEK FURTHER WORD AND SEE HIM AGAIN NEXT WEEK.

3. PLEASE INSTRUCT. END BEAUDRY

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